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"AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this
4 section: (1) "Sober living home" means an alcohol-free and drug-free
5 residence where (A) unrelated adults who are recovering from a
6 substance use disorder choose to live together in a supportive
7 environment during their recovery, and (B) no formal substance use
8 disorder treatment services are provided; and (2) "operator" means the
9 lawful owner of a sober living home or a person designated by such
10 lawful owner to have primary responsibility for the daily operation of
11 such sober living home.

12 (b) The operator of a sober living home that is certified as a recovery
13 residence by an in-state affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery
14 Residences, or a successor organization, may register the sober living

15 home's certified status with the Department of Mental Health and
16 Addiction Services, provided the operator of the sober living home (1)
17 supports a safe, healthy and effective recovery environment in the
18 sober living home, (2) evaluates the ability to assist persons living in
19 the sober living home in achieving long-term recovery goals, (3)
20 provides for appropriate training for the operators and staff of the
21 sober living home and ensures satisfactory completion of such
22 training, (4) protects the occupants of the sober living home against
23 unreasonable and unfair practices in setting and collecting rent
24 payments, and (5) verifies the sober living home's compliance with
25 local, state and federal laws and any regulations adopted thereunder,
26 including, but not limited to, building, maximum occupancy, fire
27 safety and sanitation codes. An operator of a sober living home that
28 registers the sober living home's certified status with the department
29 shall provide the department with the number of beds available in the
30 sober living home at the time of its report and weekly thereafter.

31 (c) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
32 post on its Internet web site a list of the sober living homes that have
33 registered their certified status pursuant to subsection (b) of this
34 section and the number of beds available at each such sober living
35 home. The department shall update the list of sober living homes and
36 the bed availability at each sober living home on a weekly basis. The
37 department may receive complaints against a sober living home and
38 exclude a sober living home from the list of sober living homes that
39 have registered their certified status if the number or severity of
40 complaints supports a determination by the department that the sober
41 living home does not maintain standards or provide an environment
42 that appropriately support the recovery goals of its residents.

43 (d) No state agency or private entity under contract with the state
44 for purposes of providing substance use disorder treatment services
45 shall refer a person to a sober living home unless the sober living home
46 is registered with the department pursuant to subsection (b) of this
47 section and included on the department's list of registered sober living
48 homes. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a residence that has not

49 registered with the department or is not included on the department's
50 list of registered sober living homes from operating or advertising as a
51 sober living home or from offering residence to persons recovering
52 from a substance use disorder.

53 (e) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services may
54 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
55 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	New section